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Good Hope Church Update

Good Hope is God's Hope

1300 Good Hope Rd. SE DC

A BIG Thank You from the Robinsons!!!

We are so thankful for all of the support we have received over the last year and a half. We appreciate your financial contributions, your encouragement, your love, and especially your many prayers that have gone up on our behalf. We continue strong and uplifted because of you.



Urban Missionaries to DC

What is an urban missionary? Generally, urban missionaries are those called to the city. Many times we see missionaries only as those that are called to other countries, but over the last several decades God has called more and more missionaries from the US to the US. God called us to South East Washington DC over a year ago and we have not looked back. We live and minister in South East DC. South East is a community that has been ravaged by drugs and crime, high unemployment, one of the highest poverty rates in our country, and one of the highest rates of single mother homes in the US. Only God can bring the change needed to this area and by His Spirit it will be accomplished. This is our desire as urban missionaries, to see God transform and restore this community one family at a time. Please pray and believe with us as we continue forward.

Finding Good Hope

by Liz McKinney



How do you describe the feeling of meaningless? The feeling that life is just a series of bad incidents designed to work against you and trap you into a place of defeat? Usually, you can't. So you walk around acting out of the unspoken philosophy that the entire world is stacked against you and you really don't have a chance. That is how my husband and I saw the world for years. When we found each other a few years ago, we were well versed in the art of defeat. We'd both come from homes that were torn apart by drugs, alcohol and abuse; from families that were scattered and wanted nothing to do with each other. Needless to say, we didn't know how to love. That is, until we met God.

We didn't meet Jesus through some religious-bible-smacking, suit-wearing person who made us repeat after them and then walked away and never talked

to us again. Really, we'd been faithful members of churches for years and after we got married, we remained in a church for years. But we just couldn't see or feel Jesus in all of the long sermons and impersonal rules. In many churches, the pastor wouldn't even talk to us, let alone get to know us and build a relationship. In short, we'd never met church folk that really lived it out.

Well, last year around this time, we found Good Hope Church. This time something was different. People smiled and meant it. People came in regular clothes. Nobody told my husband that he needed to take off his hat, or that I needed to cover my shoulders and wear knee length skirts. The pastors and other members saw us as unique individuals and not just heathens who needed to be corrected. We saw the love of Jesus in these people as they called us throughout the weeks, helped to supply our needs, and even helped us find work. There's something special about a community of people who really care and come in the name of Jesus. It isn't some religious mumbo jumbo designed to fill the seats. It is Love as it is and should be.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MINISTRY

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38



Church Ministry

SAVE A CITY BLOCK PARTY



FIRST SATURDAY RECHARGE OUTREACH

On the first Saturday of every month we have a special service, breakfast, and giveaway groceries to the Anacostia community. Many of those in attendance come hungry both physically and spiritually. Food is a way for us to connect, but the highlight is our time of worship and altar ministry. Keep this ministry in prayer as we seek to expand and do more for this community.



Come serve with us

Just as God called us to leave our home in California and move to Washington DC, we believe that God is calling others to join us. Please pray about becoming an urban missionary to our nation's capital. We have short term and long term opportunities for individuals, families, and church groups to come and serve in the inner city of DC.



Nakia, Juan, Keith, Brian, Liz, Jabaree, Samantha, Eunice, Renee... These are some of the names of people that have come into our lives since moving here to Washington DC. Each individual has a different story, but with the same outcome...Jesus Saves. Discipleship is the process of helping someone not only find Jesus, but also mature and grow in their relationship with Him. For us, this means walking through life with people and loving them close. Ministry is very real and challenging as we walk with people who have deep wounds and scars that need God's healing hands. There are no quick fixes, but the testimonies of what God has done and what He is doing keep us moving forward with hope and excitement. We know that God has called us here and we know that He will keep us as we continue to trust Him. We believe firmly that God has started a good work and He will be faithful to complete it.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our ministry is in need of financial support so that we can carry out the vision God has placed in our hearts. Our finances, both personally and as a new church plant, are dependent on the monthly support from family, friends, churches, and those that would come alongside our ministry. All we ask is that you would pray about how you can help. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue forward by faith.

With much love and appreciation,

Josh, Ruth, Kallista, Alona, Bella, Malachi, and the Good Hope Church

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